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G.O. No. 4569

Dated 11-12-47

[Despatch Abstract.]

Legislative Council Question starred No.89 Reserving Front Seats in Buses for Government officials in the mofussil - Question answered - Press Note issued. Papers Recorded.

Council=
Legislative/Assembly-Question No.146 (Starred)

Abdul Latif Farookhi Sahib Bahadur, M.L.C.

Will the Hon'ble Minister for Motor Transport and Food be pleased to State --

(a) Whether it is a fact that the front seats in buses plying in the mofussil are permanently marked with the word "reserved"; and

(b) whether this mark is used as a cover to evict passengers occupying the front seats in order to provide comfortable accommodation to officials, especially of the police and Revenue Departments.

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ANSWER.

(a) and (b) Government have no information that this is generally the case though there may be some such instances.

For Secretary to Government

To the Secretary, Madras Legislature(Council Section)
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The above answer has been approved by the Hon'ble Sri R.Raghava Menon).

HOME U.O.No.6263 B/47-2, dated 24-2-1947.

Government of Madras.
PUBLIC (INFORMATION & PUBLICITY) DEPARTMENT.

PRESS NOTE NO.239
Dated, Fort St. George, the 16th October 1947

It has been brought to the notice of Government that in some places, the moffusil, seats in buses, particularly in front, are reserved for Government officials who wish to travel. The Government desire to inform the public that under the M.M.V.Rules, 1940, Government officials are not entitled to any preferential claim in the matter of accommodation in buses. Any person who has tendered the legal fare is entitled to be carried in a bus provided accommodation is available. There was some justification for the practice of reservation of seats for Government officials during the war period on account of the non-import of the new motor cars and the difficulty experienced by touring Government officials in securing used serviceable cars. Now that the position has improved, Government have directed that the practice should be discontinued wherever it has been in vogue. Suitable instructions have also been issued in this regard to bus operators.

The present position, therefore, is that no special preference can be claimed in respect of any particular seat in a bus, by any Government official including a touring official of the Police, Revenue or any other department. Any instance of discrimination by the driver or the conductor in favour of Government official should be brought immediately to the notice of the Regional Transport

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~~Notice of the Regional~~Transport officer concerned.

C.V.HANUMANTHA RAO,
Director of Information & Publicity.

Public (I&P) Department

The press note 239 has been issued. This may now be returned to Home.

Sd/xxxxxxxxx,
17-10-47.

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HOME DEPARTMENT

Submitted that this may now be recorded for facility of future reference.

G.O.Ms.No.4569 , dated 11-12-47.

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